Eating Plazas at Railway Stations

3143. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railway Catering Corporation is going to set up eating plazas at leading Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the names of stations where these would be set up;

(c) whether these would be State enterprises or in private sector; and

(d) by when these eating houses would start functioning, giving other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the initial phase these facilities are planned at Delhi Jn., Hazrat Nizamuddin, Mumbai Central, Pune, Agra Cantt., Howrah, Chennai, Bangalore City, Jaipur, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Gorakhpur stations.

(c) The scheme is open to both State enterprises as well as private sector companies.

(d) These facilities will become operational after the sites are developed by the successful parties.

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Bellary and Koppal

3144. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the amount spent during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, upto January 2001, for providing better facilities and modernisation of Railway Stations in Bellary and Koppal Lok Sabha Constituencies in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): Railways do not maintain data Constituency wise. However, the amount sanctioned/spent during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (upto January 2001) for providing better facilities and modernisation of railway stations in Bellary and Koppal is as follows: